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PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
TSINGTAO, CHINA

July 29, 1938

Dearest Mumie + all:

Well, I'm back from Shanghai — You got an air mail letter from me, didn't you, from there? I had a great trip down with Paul. The days were full + hot but it was surely right that I went, now Paul will have been introduced to many city things + ways + not be afraid to go to cities. I think. The all are different, still they are much the same. It was great fun being with him to introduce him to the sea, the playboys in the water, elevators, buses, etc. It was all very wonderful — how easily everything was done in Shanghai. It was the result of months of correspondence + work both here + in Shanghai by Mr Lutkebury, but it all went so smoothly the passport, + ticket + all!! We were very conscious of God's leading in it in every detail. It truly was seeing His glory fulfilled — the months of faith becoming sight. The passport went thru so easily + all I hope it was easily done there. I still believe it will be. We did asked Anna at first to go to Victoria but on knowing that all will be examined at Seattle + an easy change at Victoria only asked her to go to boat in Seattle. I hope it may have been possible for Ray's to go but that is all right as the Lord has planned. I paid 10 on my air letter

but that was wrong - so I asked anna in her to tell you for fear you'd maybe go up + miss him. At least I felt sure you'd meet him in Portland - I'll be so eager to hear all about it — the folks in the missy Home in Shanghai all liked him very much - I think he'll fit in well, I'de some English books, Monsieur mine, you be his teacher + help him get a witness in land well, I hope for Oregon City group + Woodburn, Aurora, Gervais + Bethel — This Way you will know next whether he should or not — you introduced him + told them some of his story. I imagine it will be only a question of his English — he'll have chances to witness all right, + our prayer helpers, thank you all in Master's name for all you can do for him! Be free to correct him + all! You're just to be home to him,

Ray someone told us of cheap bus fares to Chicago. If boys all go might they go that way - If you feel sure of no bus change of stations with their tickets all thru maybe they'd not need to be met. Miss Alice Everard 830 North La Salle might do it. write her first to be sure she'd be there. Use my name for it — What do you think. Martha Wylie of 1925 East 3rd St, Bloomington, Indiana will make a special trip up to meet them + take them to Wheaton + get them settled if you feel it is necessary for her to do so!

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
TSINGTAO, CHINA

August 3, 1938

Roy: Wish you could come up to see Paul before he goes to visit to Mr. Symes answering his letter to the boat & continue (It's raining & I'm all wet & cold but I'm waiting for Wheaton mail probably from Shanghai today) this evening!

Dearest Mumsy!

Just a little visit tonite — How the time flies almost Aug 5, & to think this time next year I'll be with you; looking back it doesn't seem so long does it?

There was a letter from you, dear Mumsie when I came in for supper - It was the July 12 one, I think I've gotten most of your letters here, they are coming thru without any trouble. This week has been "company week" — had eight guests mon noon, eight today noon, eight are invited tomorrow noon, then Saturday three guests — And getting it all over this week almost - I have had guests quite a little this summer - I'm glad & must & now I want to do a bit in friendliness to others who have always been so cordial to me! Tomorrow the Goffins — they are missionaries under the Independent Presbyterian Board — They are lovely people, I'll be glad to get acquainted with them. Expect they're surprised from the propaganda here, they came that there are any decent folks in the old Board — They're working on the language now - My! Folks could only get the prejudices & all!

I have gotten a license for "Trippy" & there is a man who works for Mr. Young's name — but is extra, so when I go I have him get

in back to crank it! It makes it real inconvenient, not to have to be afraid it will run out of juice. I don't want to recharge the battery all the time so this makes a very nice arrangement.

This week the various ones on Campound have been coming in for noon prayer meeting and it is so nice too.

Mumie your last two letters spoke of expecting Paul around the 20th. I can't figure how you got that, I mean what I said, unless it may have been the plan of possibly going from Japan & going with Martha. I do hope you didn't make any efforts to meet him — you surely had definite word before that tho. I'm very sorry if you did go to extra trouble. Nice you had a nice visit from Clyde — I'll be glad to see him.

I'm glad Bessie will get a bit of rest & change now that school is out. It is so nice that you can see them often. I can imagine Winfield enjoying the Preachers picnic & their ball game especially! I'm sure you will have found Paul very easy to entertain & to make feel at home. I hope so anyway. I think he'll fit in easily. Just expect him too — Ordinarily if I am at home air mails would cause no alarm, but if you really wanted to reach me in the country or not — then you might send it & they could

3] send it out if marked Urgent! otherwise I expect they'd open it & decide whether or not to send a messenger with it! If you mark an air mail Urgent, then I'll ask them to send it out by messenger.

Thank you for your birthday love. I bought myself a present — the only thing I really wanted the prettiest blue pencil — oh a lovely one. Paul can tell you about it. That morning I'd just said to the Master, "If I'd see a pretty blue pencil I might get one". That morning, in Shanghai we went to get glue — & it came so clearly to me — "The blue pencil" — How it wanted both blue — pretty I've ever seen I hesitated to spend that on myself but I got it. I came over me with such a flash — In the world of war & famine & suffering that the Master's love is so infinite & infinitesimal that He'd give me a blue pencil — answer ahead of expressed desire — it was only a half formed wish — How with the uncertainty ahead of Paul — the blue pencil became a surety. If His love answered my least desire — how much more could He be depended on to meet the Victoria boat change & being met in Seattle & all the rest & for the twins & all! I told Paul to tell you I'd got a birthday present!

Yes, mummie, I am wearing foreign clothes in town & I did the first time on the last country trip! The guerillas we met were so used at my "prisoners" that they didn't even ask where we were going! At least we laughingly

4] said so] I am wearing my foreign things now! These last days, I just go thru a clean outfit a day.

After my furlough plans discussed in the last letter. Have you any suggestions — Mid Nook have commencement invitations too?

I am so glad for Ray's new car! Suit it fine that the church helped him + new paint on the house — He will supply every need! Earl hasn't come up this summer so my suitcase of all my valuables + China things is touring the South Sea someplace. I hope nothing happens to the Canopus! Will you mail me the peach + lavendar evening dress when it gets there. Paul couldn't find it once + may need it on the boat en route — Gardner is playing piano — oh such a marvelous touch!

So many may be with you — pine.

Well, good night dear, I'll put in a letter for Paul — so Bill not be lonely!

Write more tomorrow — Much much love, Irene

Pity-nite I love you all so! Paul's are too many so will not enclose his in this.

Aug 4. Had a wonderful birthday — Miss Law + Hallo gave me a dinner, cake + all — had a picnic with Gardner's family + VanTyke's from Sooclaw Ankuri. Thank you so for all yours doing for Paul! — Much much love,

Irene

6 Tri Yang Road
Aug 19, 1938

Dearest Mumsie Mine;

You will think you're getting a big fat letter — two of them — all for yourself + it may be a disappointment to find them full of letters for others! to be be enclosed in the reports — We mailed the report of Paul's going — with a picture of him on it — Sunday. I hope it reaches you all right. I've gone thru an immense pile of letters + answered + written tiel I'm "wuzzy" — so you'll forgive me if I don't write much this time. This will clear up my letters pretty well + I must trouble you my mother mine to get them off. You've no idea how

it helps!! Did you receive a $25.00 check from the mission treasurer - It is for postage for printing the report that I could'nt do here, for Ray's gas if he went to meet Paul, + board wherever he ate + it is needed. I pray many things or if it were mad money but you divide it where you see best!

I am just bursting with questions all about his time with you - did he talk? — did you like him! I think he'll be a peach - how I got to Wheaton + the boys going etc etc etc!

I've one more table of guests + I think I'll be caught up — a C.I.M. moody student is here - + I want to have him here. A Russian girl I met on the boat is coming Sat P.M. for ice cream + cake. I just love that it all glorify Him — that is all!

Much love to you dear ones + I love you all. I'll see you before so long — Lovingly. Irene

6 TSI YANG ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
TSINGTAO. CHINA

Sept 1, 1938

Dearest Mumie + all:

Just a note this a.m. to close in this report. The days have been full + busy. Still it seems I don't have very much. There have been many people here — the Eames have returned, a classmate from Shanghai - This summer has surely been a "quietie" one - that is this month we had about 40 people here for a meal. Several years + next year's all combined — We've finished the row. This Tsingtao has been a center for everyone going in + coming out so we've had lots of people! There was a great exodus this a.m. with families getting back to their stations + all the baggage!! Some have been out for a year; there has been a long time of negotiations, but at last they were given permission to go. The American Consul had a tea yesterday at 5 for all of the missionary group - It was very nice. They are friendly + have been most helpful. Some families separated for months are getting back together — Van Dyke's of Hawaii Guam are one of them. Did I tell you about Betty E. After safely all winter in war zone she had a bed-stead fall on her toe + break it just before she went on furlough

& had to go on crutches! Think how uninteresting & plebian!! I expect no trouble with passes to go when we go the next few weeks to country but can't tell. Beginning Sun. will drive boat first to a nearby group "the Popcorn church". Have the use of the Schaefer station bus & it is a good one — so "Trippy" will have to go into waiting again. I drove "Trippy" to station this a.m. & it was funny - the tire started to run over. Mrs. Reinbrecht spoke & she just picked it up — lifted the car off!! all just roared! We always have an escapade in "Trippy"!

Had a good letter from Earl - first all year - I'll enclose it —

Helen sails with the Comrades! so I think she will give my thing to them - they said Sept 3, Vancouver - don't know - I'll likely not see Helen. Nice the boys can camp so much. I hope Hsin Tzu got out on some trip — I'm eager for news of his time there. Makes your Aug 3 letter made laugh — for you to go off for 2 weeks when Paul was expected — when I'm due where will you go? I'm afraid to come home 'la 'la! I can't quite figure why you forgot about his coming & think Eula might send the letters at least the air mail & let you know I never dreamed of you leaving home until then but am sure it must have worked out A.K. or he was to write to Roy! Thank you so for all the reports & love & all, I'm doing my will over - it was out of date - will send you a copy, later — much love

From

Sept 18. 38

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No.

Mummie dear!

Just a hasty note: at last! here is the report of February till June + the last period I have to do for some months! Please apologize for this wretched copy - but it is almost blood-written so. It has been so hard for me to get it off. I mean so little time + much else to be done, + the financial problem seems to be being solved + Friday I can go for two months to get out of the uproar! + do my job! However with this off my way clear up some + with packing + guests for dinner tomorrow

night I can get away feeling pretty free. This dinner is to pay up a year's social debts - I've been to these places till I'm ashamed to go anymore. Mumsie dear I'll write more later - just a word to say I love you heaps + heaps -

Bye dearest -

Irene.

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, China
September 13, 1938

Dearest Sister Mine + Mumsie + all:

Your letters came a few days ago telling about Paul's arrival etc. I just fairly devoured them because they were especially long on the way - this Paul's came the next day - not all wanted the first day! Well, I surely did rejoice over it all - it so shows our Lord's clear leading + preparation all of the way: I thought you'd all like him but, sister mine, was hardly prepared for such enthusiasm from all at first sight! I said maybe not when that meeting strangers had sometime formerly been a difficulty for him. I see how he has developed + how Christ has freed him. I could see it at Shanghai - like a promise of what your letter shows. All there liked him very much; miss Law sat by + I just read it all to her too + she too feels that we all know Christ in a new more intimate way since all that He has led us thru. Eula dear, I surely appreciate your taking time to note down things - I am especially glad that the young people didn't look at him + start off - for they don't know to pretend courtesy if they feel strange - will find companionship then I trust. Would be too bad to be cold-shouldered. I know you my dear ones would not treat him so - but to get a welcome from strangers means much. Thank

your seal one, Matley, Eula, Ray + twins for all of your kindness + hospitality to him. Miss Lan sends her thanks too + those in the church who were so nice to him. Wasn't it great - no bond nor difficulty. The visa-consul here is such a persimmon + was from the first that we were led to expect anything at that port! Paul's letters are so full of appreciation for you all + it is meaning lots to him - I know, I'll be glad for further news - Did you see Wilma Willis? That was nice to hear from her! Swell I.F. - so you did know her after all! She was to arrive here today, I'll go to see her soon. How good to see her after so many years! Your were right!

I sent your letter to Ruth Lutkenburg (things just moved to Shanghai) so she can rejoice with me; She's been so close to Paul + interested in him. You surely did do all in your power - my m+Hood! champagne - Salm etc. Thanks you Ray! What a nice trip - Yes Mumsie mine I'll be waiting to go up Sixpeat. So nice you had the ride up! It will not be so long before we will be having a ride together - The months will soon go bye - then it is September! July will come pretty soon!

We've had a week of meetings at Chan Shan. Flu had a lovely tea for us on Sat P.M. - a real love feast but more like water from Bethlehem's well - There are new christians there + the church is growing + it surely makes one glad.

We hope to get off to Wang Chia Jin this Friday if possible to get on a boat. The children there are all right. Ann has come up + worked all summer + is making good! We want to get to a good many churches this year if possible. I must go now - have done a pile of letters to get off. Much much love - Thanks so much for all, all. Where are twins in school? + Charles - Wheaton is opened now —

Goodbye — Irene

no time to reread & correct!

Miss Lin Chuang
Station 13.1.35

Dearest Mummie Mine & all;

There is a mail going in in the morning I just heard it — so I'm hurried off a few letters. I want you to have one to know that we are safe & well. We came back yesterday to get a little rest, wash clothes & get a new pack to go on Saturday.

We had the wedding — but what a wedding it was! Rained & rained & then some more! They had carefully set it for Sunday — Sat & Monday were both good but Sunday was a terror! This is the second wedding I've seen set on Sunday in the villages & both have been like this. I know it is done there at home, but I was thinking about it — there the church & world is already so mixed that it may be that in regard to this it is like His Presence being withdrawn — to just lift it up & but that here the church has had to come out of heathenism & the Master is trying to keep it pure — at least in this new groups — so they'll not put their weddings that just break up the church service & make the day common, on Sundays. We got up, oh,

It must have been about 4 o'clock & had a quiet rest & service — The lay light service was over. We knew there would be no other chance that day - as it is all one family mostly who comprise the church & they each were busy in some way about the wedding - which takes all of the first day & most of three days - by the time guests are entertained & everything done! When the groom was ready to enter the chair to go — as the rain — & in the evening (they were late returning & it was dark early) we had to fix up the ancestral temple for the wedding. (It is an empty building — used for worship of ancestors at New Year only) as it was just pouring. So the organ was moved there & started out with the lantern to have light when they came - It reminded me of the N.T. waiting for the bridegroom taking a lantern along to a wedding - that was my first experience of that! We needed it for they came about dark & how it did pour! I think too life here is so organized that we are so much more dependent on the weather & it is a very easy way for God to show His grace or disfavor & it is a thing — a kind of speech that the non-Christians especially can understand! It is different than at home — I wasn't quite so sure myself before that the wedding on Sun was wrong - but this has convinced me.

3] My! It was nice to get here — Mrs. Hair ~~food~~ just does taste so good + wiener roasted ~~bacon~~ + bread + butter — + rested + mended a bit — Rain has made roads heavy. The weary mule could hardly pull us thru the mud so I walked most of the way home.

Extra place not so far a few weeks ago in an airing there was a most conspicuous miracle. An incendiary fell on the Hair family home. In that large place there have been no Christians until last year, the eldest daughter became a christian. Her family do not persecute her but had not believed. When that fell the side room it burned - even the stone mill + then no 2 on the house. It fell in + Miss Hair + her mother + two sisters were inside. The smallest was killed, mother wounded slightly, + sister, but the beam fell in ~~fat~~ of her. Miss Hair was entirely untouched. She was standing by a half wall (which the father often told them not to touch. Lest it fall) but it did not fall. She heard a voice call her out of her stupor, "Run quickly!" She called her mother 5 or six times to get her out of her stunned grief + crawled out over back wall. She first thought that someperson had called her but on finding the street empty realized that it had been the Lord who called her. Strangest of all, all they dug out their clothes from the debris, they found all of the clothes that were in the same cupboard, all of the others clothes except Miss Hair's, had big holes or little as the bits of shrapnel had gone strait thru from top to bottom folded clothes (I saw one garment) clearly proved this —

4] Even class, disgust unhurt but those of all the rest were hurt in one way or other. She says that there are none in that big village but knows of the miracle & that she believes & she was so protested. It was a witness to her family too, who are all touched by it. That place has long been almost impenetrable by the gospel. May this not be the opening they want us to go next Spring to preach there! Please pray about this.

Mrs. Law asked me to thank you for all of yours hospitality to Hsiao Tzu - Paul - & for your trouble & loving welcome & all all. I haven't gotten the pictures yet from Helen but will give it to Mrs Law when I get it.

It is late I will close —

Just to let you know I love you & praise God for everyone of you — Do tell me news of twins & Snook & all of your dear ones —

I have't any European news but Wonder how it all is —

Much much love dearest ones,

Yours Irene

Hsiao Tsai Ke Chuang
October 24, 1938

Dearest Mother:

—of all three years, I forget ink when I came from Miss Tsai's home I have had to write quite a lot — even pencil is horrid but this P. M. I'll write a bit — even if it be just as we were leaving for Lee — me pencil — your Enterprise letter reached Ah! Noakie dear — mummie, My! But I'm sorry Low we must just trust the Lord. Strange, I've been praying much for him this Spring & summer — had it before — & thought of him a great deal as I prayed & planned & hoped for the "Tour" — The prayer was answered differently — & it is a question just how much one has to do with ones fate — but do not think of that with regret — for honey, if his time had not come why did the others live & he not — It would likely have been when ever he was —

I don't have any grown-up memories at all of Lem, tho I've this one snap — but our trip to the Lake on Lorna Doone & living there at someone's house for a few days, the boat rides & all are very sweet in my heart — I'd planned the program with him. Will see him later —

I Jean Berryer — up there alone with her two graves — I hope she has treasures again. My prayer is that she may in all of this just draw closer to Jesus Himself — may He be her companion husband + Son — may she find in His fellowship comfort + rest + peace "All things." Rom 8:28. Sometimes His pattern is over our eyes isn't so good. Once in a carpet factory I saw a lovely carpet being made — to the workers eyes it seemed just a tangle of knots + loose ends but it was all weaving a lovely design on the other side. Many things are like that to us here only ends + knots but when we see Him we will see the design + we will see that it was wholly of love! "Trust His love" was His message at least + it comes again today — Many details I'd like to know — night? How did they get back out? What am I experiencing for Heaven? Did Elisabeth get there? I think she must be still in training —

The whole thing has sharpened my desire to somehow give myself next year to our young people — That

I'd somehow, if possible, to help them close to Christ. So often all the times are at Wed. really - when Nina was there it was far from christian - & now - maybe better I hope this year will be good, but I do hope that next year with having some other plan - be grateful that they could have this year at home. & all in
~~some other~~
My thoughts & prayers keep turning
to committing Mom Wheaton, Vivian,
& asking God for an opening
there for you. R. Hes, Mother, & I
foster ever been asked on that
respect? He might know —
I feel that all sacrifices, if necessary
are justified in trying to keep
these precious young souls in the
right places, for Margie to stay
for H. Sleep pleasing with the thought
of renting a furnished home &
keeping home for Twins & Margie
& Paul — Of course it may not be
the plan that is for His glory - as I
am just waiting. Margie hop so
far — (?) but the Kodaline spiritual

1 influence is important — Pray —
what is for His glory He will fulfil —
if we keep surrendered to Him can
use us to fulfil that will — but
we can also retard it by our
lack of faith & unwatchfulness —
No word from Board yet or must
year — Later — Oct 26. —
We come to another phase — I find mrs W.
has a spirit & so I can address this —
a Elder & young by today to a pow Study mtg
plan to see whether we may go to open it
up & will take letters to Leona & Mrs
Cornwell & so happy to here — a fine
letter from Paul at Wheaton & is enthusiastic
about my student-loper — have a fine
roommate & thoroughly satisfied he was
so appreciative of all we had that we
did for him. Mrs Fan said to thank each
one of all of you who have been
so kind to him. Remarkable about Richard
Cochran's acceptance so late! yet not so —
just all in His Plan of Love & Sovereignty!
What a marvelous God we have! Heart
wonderful & Holy & Adorable — yet how
cold are love & feeble our Praise —
Much love dearest ones —
Irene

Pui Ling.
November 9, 1938

Dearest Mater mine + all;

Elder Hsieh is going into Pukyteng in the morning so he can mail a letter for me to you. Yesterday Mrs. Tsu sent a messenger again with a basket of bread, cakes + letters + pairs of August 10 from Sisters just arrived. I laughed, Mumie dear, you'd written just 6 Tsi Yang Road China, but the Post office found me, tho it did take a long time. Glad for a letter even tho old —

Wine had a great week here — down in Christian Home, for Young People + Non. Christian. Last nite the pupils gave a play winding it all up — a non C. home + a christian home. They were very clever — having had only an afternoon to do it. Wine even the guests of the church this way + have gone to most of the Christian homes for meals. There are a few that we haven't

visited ~~again~~,
Today we go on to a new, new village. I've preached there a bit en route but now there is a Mr. Tai, who became a christian recently in Tsingtao, who is at home. Not even his wife believes so it is new ground for sure. There hasn't been many gone there to witness ~~even~~. May God call out believers, there.

I rec'd your letters with the details of Noak's death, newspaper clipping, just as we were leaving the last place. My! that + again in your letter - Winfield's report of the Bible class, has made me feel even more deeply that next year I want to be with the twins, Margie as much as I can — My only chance — next furlo — if Lord tarries — they will all have preferences + loves of their own — It came to me very clearly to write + have my Biblical credits sent to Wheaton. They have a graduate Bible

Of course M.A. in Bible — If they will give me some credit + I can do a bit, the Board may give the permission + then they'll pay tuition. If we live in a place b mo. then that counts as home + travel is paid there. So I'd get my travel. Then if P.+E. do not get nearer — Mother says + I rent a furnished home + keep home for boys, Margie + Paul, + Maybe by putting our car pres together we could buy a car + all go together — This seems the nearest to a solution that I can see so far. Margie might not go so far. But I feel their spiritual standing is of most important + Noah's going makes me feel all the more that waiting matters so much as being sure of their spiritual lives!
Then I selfishly want this year with the young people — You talk to Bessie + Emmett — pray over it — I think it would be cold for you but even so it would be worth your sacrifice of comfort a bit for their sakes.
Well, just pray over it all.
Somehow there is so little time to

write you much. These days have just been full — 3 meetings a day + people all of the time demanding one's heart + energy.

A young man surrendered yesterday Mr. Li Shih-ai — Please pray for him. This is the first place I came to when I came to the country. This is finest family. Elder Hsieh — that time just did everything for me, put in a stove, went for coal etc — I am so sad that his eyes are failing. I do so pray that for His glory, his eyes may be healed —

Have it packed yet — Soon dinner time, + me off again on a wheelbarrow. Miss Law sends her love — Said — granddaughter sends love to grand mother —

Love to all !

Irene

Hsu Lin Chuang
November 23, 1938

Dearest Mate;
As usual just a few minutes to write your letter. Just heard of a carter going in & he's here just this minute for letters & I've no time to write more except that Mine at miss Tam & well & safe. Your letters all are here & I'll answer yours letters later but to-nite just this must to send my love & tell you how much I love you & possibility of sailing date July 9 from Shanghai — Empress of Japan — not sure —
Love dearest ones — Intaste
Irene

I'm afraid that I've caused you a lot of extra worry about Paul & this matter sends warmest thanks & love & thanks for all!!,

You're been just wonderful — Mummie dear I was joking about where you'd go when I came home. If that July 1st Boat lands at Vancouver I'll maybe be on it. Betty Wright wrote me of it. We're going to rest a few days & I'm going to get thru all of the letters & carefully write you but — for now much much love —

Irene

Miss Law sends love to all!

Hsu Lin Chuang
November 28, 1938

Dear Mother & all:

This is Mon. a.m. after a big day yesterday at church - two services ——— now miss Law has gotten her hair washed & we've the rooms cleared up. We laughed at our two little rooms - we've so much stuff in them that if we don't keep everything in order, we can't get it! But they are surely comfy!

This a.m. - there is no news of someone going in no 2 home, to settle now maybe to visit a bit with you. We've been here a week today & will rest another week - then go for a two-months steady pull - This week I've rested a little, not much, written a lot of letters, necessary ones, & a report which I have sent to Ruth to have her print it & mail 230 to you. Shall print 250 & have me 20. I'm sorry, I haven't realized such a shortage & trouble. Sorry for a few more dot not count much after one has 100 first - I have no one "as like-minded" as I told her

I now in Tsingtao to do it for me. She is so close + she knows too all in my heart — so she'll do — + correct or change etc + send them. The printing place in Tsingtao has changed hands to the power of govt + I don't want to print there just now — not to let them know where I am —

Mumsie mine, your recent letter said that the Marita Wylie report a newspaper refused + so you felt ought not print. You understood to that I wrote it — I'm quite sure — I didn't think of it for newspapers only if it could be mimeographed + sent to the list who get my reports — but if you + Ray feel any question about that — leave it to your discretion. You understand that I didn't leave it printed & unsigned and for that reason because of censorship but I can't recall anything in it that isn't all right to print privately + send to that list. However you + Ray decide it. I am quite content to leave it as you think best, dear ones,

3] Before I forget it ——Please as soon as the Spring Vogue comes out mail me one, I have'nt new styles for months + may not get in before May - I must get decent duds to come home in. Madame Tang (The French dressmaker formerly in Shanghai) is in Tsingtao + with her pictures + a Vogue likely she can fix me up possibly.

I think I told you that Betty Wright asked me to share her cabin on "Empress of Japan" July 9 from Shanghai + 12 from Kobe, Japan I wrote to Treasurer in S. to temporarily reserve that for me. Betty W. didn't explain there I've no way to look up — the landing if sure in Vancouver, then her party are going to transship to San Francisco. or vice versa. She only said they'd transship from Honolulu. I asked them to reserve temporarily to Vancouver for me ——. unless some of you are already planning San Francisco fair + you prefer me to land there. I have no desire to go to the fair — unless you already planned + your folks prefer me to land there — then I will. Otherwise, I'll

If go on to Vancouver + Seattle as Paul did + you can meet me in Seattle if convenient, if not I can come to Portland or K. If you want me to land at S. F. be sure to let me know at once, otherwise it will be Seattle. I am very happy to go by Honolulu tho as I never have + still be able to land at Seattle. Canadian Pacific boats are the only ones that do that, I guess, At least, I haven't been able to before. I've written Margaret W. to know her plans but don't know. Jeane + Stella have to go late, I think, as they returned late. It will be nice to go with that group - Martha Wylie's brother + fiancee (fine folks from North China + Betty W. as far as I know, that is all but that is an enormous boat + likely will be full — Since President boats are out —

I have table spread full of your letters - June 5th from Sisters came late. Mumsie, you must not worry if you don't get a letter off every week. Sometimes they come two at a time anyway. Paul said he got two at once, I wonder

5] likely American boats carrying mail go every 2 weeks. They are more frequent from S. to Tsingtao Never mind, anyway, don't feel badly if sometimes the time gets past. Glad you did the nice trip to the cemetery + found it ——.

You're likely had news of Earl - maybe he'll be there when you get this. He wrote me that he might come to Tsingtao Nov 9, but would write again - I've had no word. so I assume he didn't come + that he has gone on home.

I wonder whether he knows that the husband of the music teacher in American school in Korea was killed in the mill, very tragically + we heard that the wife wasn't well. He will understand that — Yes, do send me the dress from the suitcase that he takes to you - the one that Miss Tan gave me, the pleated + purple flower in it ——.

Just forget the pencil, Mumsie mine, It had a fall + a bit battered — never mind. I may be can fix it ——

My heart hurts for John T. Surely, it is Craig's influence — Sorry, glad he's with Mary. I hope she can just keep to main issues with him + win him —. Miss Willa Willis was with you +

b] I've saved all you sent about Noah. My! what an exprience for the letter three - Noah - my what a darling little boy - our trip on horseback to the Lake - I will always remember - + was hoping for another one - The Master knew best! The late days ~~its~~ - was more result of environment + lack of positive love + experience of Christ - oh I know I've been thru it all - that could make him ~~not but~~ ~~acceptable~~ the way with the crowd - He's saved from such in this world + we should be glad for that! So glad for more details of Robert, + Elizabeth + Bernice - May He just comfort her!

So fine to have a visit with Mary. I'm sure you did visit - Tim that twins are in the land!

Noah's picture - - I have a tiny snap shot only that I received a year or so ago. I think you must mean one taken at commencement time? Maybe. No, I haven't one of those, I want it tho - Thanks -

How fine that Bud can be with you so much! I just praise the Master for that! I'm sure it

T is a joy to yaw!
Paul is thoroughly happy at Wheaton — says it is his ideal of a college. Got 98 — a first place in 361 in the mathematics entrance exam — A bit of a comfort when his English lessons are hard. Sweet Margie, I'm sure she is a dear Glad yawie had the evening class it is nice! Hope the Portland layoff of P. E. P. carmen wont affect Kenneth Fox! Oct 20 is the last letter from yaw. If yaw happen to have one of the small pictures of Paul + the Miracle Baby (I can't recall whether I sent them or not — if yaw have an extra) I promised one to Miss Thurman — If yaw haven't forget it!
Suppose kays were lame over Thanksgiving!
I'll add more later — Much love — Time for dinner —
Sunday nite — now this a way to send this + I'll write — Mr. Conradt is 30 li away for a wedding ceremony — Will go in + can mail this,
Have had a happy, Sunday. The church here has just had a Thanksgiving Sunday + all together $35\frac{00}{100}$ for refugees. That is fine —
There is much I can't write — had a bit of excitement yesterday in folks getting ready to

8) vacate because of — coming out
nothing here. We're ready to get off now I
guess. The carters have all gone off for things
(to haul)
but hope they will be back by Wednesday
So we can get on our way!

Have surely enjoyed the organ these days-
been dabbling in Beethoven + Mozart —
a bit above me I'll admit — I can't
quite get what they're trying to express —
but enjoy picking at them ——————

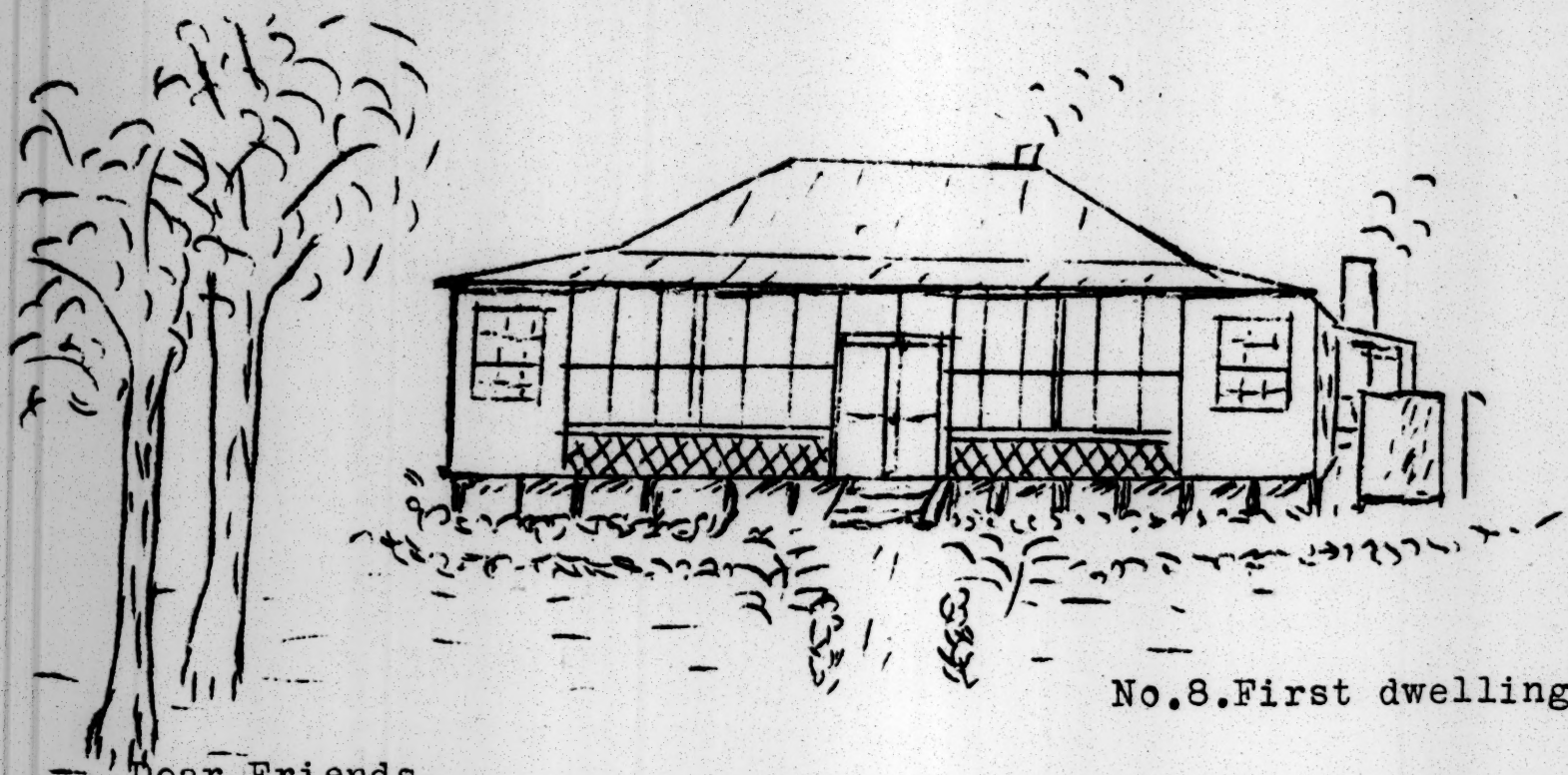
Much much love to all of you. Hope
you have a wonderful Christmas — this may
be there in time to say Happy New Year.

Ray + Ruby, did you notice Paris stars — this family will
be sending him some with me — they're $9 Mex or —
not $9 gold. Want to try any for twins. If so have them
stand on a paper + mark around the feet + send a
picture of what you'd like — If their feet have no
curvature "the shoes ought to fit all right —
if they need "arches" etc specially — better not. Measure the foot
around the ball. Tell what color. I'll be glad to bring
them — Did Jack get his — white wool pants? I forget.
This won't save much — maybe (Did you see his?) Paul's were $17 Mex ($ gold
now 4.50 - 5.00) So about $5 gold a pair — Is that a bargain —
regular tailor measurements would do + a picture ——

9] Skyjie so clever! Just a picture & they can duplicate most anything. Of course this is imported English cloth so it may not save any & it may be higher next year — depends on tariffs etc — I just wondered whether it would pay to try to get anything here. It might be worthwhile to try shoes — according to my memory of shoes it would be a great saving. Did Paul's clothes seem to fit? well tailored etc & right styles? Mr. Lewksbury helped on that — as I am just entirely helpless on that,
It would do to risk of whole suit for boys but pants might do,

Must close now -
Much love to you each one. Ella do you want anything?

~~Whatever~~ — Suddenly — ~~the mind of christ~~ Phil 1:2
Of course that — I thought this a clean sheet,
Shopping in Tsingtao is no good now — If I sail from Shanghai I may be able to get things — but if from Kobe I'll not. It makes going home gifts very difficult but I can't get — I can't that is all — I will all have to just forgive me —
Much much love to all all —
Lovingly,
Irene



No.8.First dwelling house

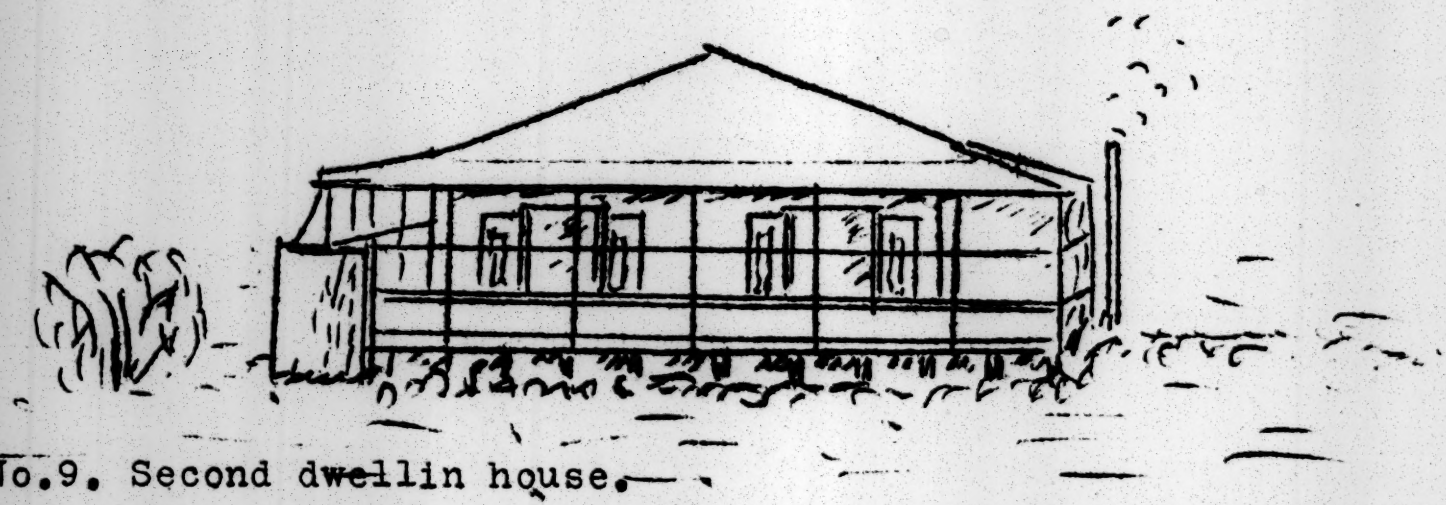
Dear Friends,

As the year draws to a close our thoughts travel homeward and we long to see you face to face and enjoy your fellowship at this happy season of the year.; but that being impossible,we write these few lines to greet you and wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year in the Lord. May the coming year be one of rich blessing for you and yours.

In this part of the field we divide our year into two terms because so much of the activity in the work centers around the schools, here as well as at the outstations. This term has been a usual one. We had an epidemic of measles which kept Miss Thomas busy in the hospital but apart from that things have moved along pretty much as usual. This month brings the first examinations for Std.VI at Mseleni. We are anxiously looking for the results. Being so separated from civilazation these children get very little practice in the use of English which is required to be taught. We feel this will make it hard for some of them.

You ladyfolk, at least, will be interested in two evening classes which we have here on the main station. About two years ago the older girls, who had seen the hand work of their Natal teachers, expressed desire to have a 'fancywork class'. Good; we started such a class, meeting every Tuesday evening and it seems to be proving a real success. One day at the beginning of last term a few boys came up and said,"Nati si ya funa ukufensa". (We also want to do fancywork.) "WHat kind of 'fensa'(fancy) would you like to learn?" "Trowsers and shirts," was the answer. Well, such did not seem very much like fancywork to us, but if the ambition is there,'come along every Thursday evening.'

Because of the light we have the class in our dining room. Can you not see them? About twelve strong; the table is put aside and rather close together the pieces of Khaki drill are laid out on the floor. Each with his newspaper pattern and pins tries to follow instructions. Which is top, which is bottom, front, back; itis all Greek to them. Finally the trowsers are cut out and step by step put together, some by hand and some by machine. Some did very well and others, well, we will see how they hold together. This term they have been making shirts. We must give the boys credit for showing even keener interest than



No.9. Second dwellin house.—

the girls. Perhaps it is because the girls pay too much attention to the social side.

As we labour with these children whether in the three R's or hand work or whatever it be we seek to direct them to the Saviour and into the path of consecration. Three boys and one girl have given their lives for definite service for the Lord. Today's children are the church of tomorrow. Do pray that many may be called and obedient to the call.

Last term we gave the women lessons on the tabernacle. This term the children were given the same lessons at afternoon prayer time. Last week they were given an examination. They were asked to draw a diagram and write a simple explanation. It was really gratifying. The two smallest boys in the school drew an almost perfect diagram. May it penetrate their little heads and hearts and make clear the great plan of salvation.

The Lord has been blessing His Own Word as it has been given forth day by day. A goodly number have professed belief in the Lord Jesus. The old heathen customs have very strong hold upon them; "Our people have always done so and so," is sufficient for many. To break entirely with old ties is hard for them all, but He Who saves is able to keep them living a consistent christian life.

We (Herbert and Steve) have just returned from a tour of the outstations which took nearly three weeks. Some profitable times were spent around the Word and opportunity given for examination and weeding in the catechumen classes. The tendency is to to get away from the standard. Praise God His Word changeth not; His standard is ever the same. May our vision keep clear and our understanding keen so that we may be to the growing Native Church what our Lord would have us to be.

This term of school will soon come to a close. We expect to have an exhibition of work for the local people. This we plan to make a semi-anual affair, for encourage to the children and to give parents and others opportunity to buy the articles.

It affords a picture of the final examination and rewards in that Great Day when each will receive according to the deeds done in the body. Oh to hear the "Well done."

Sincerely for the sake of the Gospel,
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Dearest Mumsie:

A messenger goes this a.m. with mail - so this candle-light message just to tell you that I am well + that I love you very very much! This is the second place now since

leaving Mrs Lain this time
We go north for our
Christmas. Turned
cold last night. Boys are
home now with you +
you're getting ready for
Christmas: I can help
you next year! That
will be nice!
"Saw the matter of the
organ tragedy" this week -
just pitiful — without doubt
to have fine stat — who wouldn't
weep? This is sunday + a
big day - going to help clean
up church first + put up
pictures —— much mud
love to all. — We're safe
+ well — Lovingly,
Irene